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Conyers Slams GOP for Failed Record

Immigration Reform, Election Reform and Energy Policy Among Record of Failure

Rep. John Conyers, Jr, (D-MI), Ranking Democrat on the House Judiciary Committee issued the following statement concerning the failed Republican Congress:

"As the do-nothing 109th Congress comes to a close, I am disappointed that so many priorities for the American people have been ignored or left unfinished.

I am particularly troubled that the Congress will be leaving town without addressing the immigration crisis. Despite Republican control the White House, the Senate, and the House, they have failed to pass comprehensive immigration legislation. The Republicans have stalled by holding dozens of field hearings that are all talk and no action and were conducted after both the House and Senate passed their bills. Instead of going to conference to work out our differences, this Congress shirked its responsibility.

I am also concerned that nearly six years after the election debacle in Florida and two years after the debacle in Ohio, Republicans continue to avoid meaningful election reform. In the last election alone, problems ranged from the intimidation and caging of minority voters in urban and rural areas, to the misallocation of voting machines and outlandish restrictions that were placed on the use of provisional ballots. We need to do better for the American people.

Also, instead of tackling energy costs by moving legislation to prohibit price gouging, this Congress has sat on its hands. At a time when we should be protecting consumers from any anticompetitive behavior, Republicans have been more concerned with passing out tax breaks."

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